**Ireland – Treaty Implementation Statement**

**ATT CSP11, 25 – 29 August 2025**

**Geneva**

Thank you.

Ireland aligns itself with the statements delivered by the European Union and would like to add the following remarks in a national capacity.

First, allow me to thank Ambassador Lacanilao of the Philippines, as well as the sub-working group facilitators, for continued efforts in guiding our work and ensuring the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI) fulfils its mandate of strengthening the Treaty.

President,

The effective implementation of the ATT is a key step in preventing the illicit and irresponsible transfers of arms which continue to contribute to conflict, instability and violence. It promotes accountability and transparency in the international arms trade. The universal application and full implementation of the ATT will enhance international security, reduce violence in both conflict and non-conflict settings, and can bring us closer to achieving the goals of the 2030 agenda.

Ireland supports the conclusions and recommendations as contained in the Working Group Chair’s Draft Report to the CSP. We are encouraged by the structured discussions held, which included practical implementation questions, and look forward to continuing this productive format. Next year’s discussions on brokering, and particularly on the key issue of risk assessment, as foreseen in the new multi-year work plan, will be important to improving the practical implementation of the ATT and enhancing its real life impact.

Ireland calls on all ATT States Parties to fulfil their obligations under the Treaty, including under Articles 6 & 7 on prohibitions and risk assessment. Fulfilling these legal obligations is critical to achieving our collective goal of reducing human suffering.

Chair,

We welcome the recommendations regarding the Sub-Working Group on Current and Emerging Implementation Issues, in particular regarding discussing challenges related to the scope of the Treaty, the issue of parts and components, as well as continued discussions on the role of industry. Regarding the latter, we are supportive of developing a list of reference materials for industry actors, and to explore the possibility of developing voluntary guidance on IHL and human rights due diligence. We note the point raised by the delegation of Panama in May that this type of guidance might be better suited for development in the Human Rights Council, due to the expertise in that body and that of the OHCHR. We look forward to discussing this further. We also welcome the proposed action regarding additional guidance on implementation of Article 7.4 with regard to gender-based violence, including the release of a separate factsheet to further facilitate its application.

Ireland welcomed the ad-hoc discussion on ‘the role of rulings of the International Court of Justice and findings of the Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council in the application Articles 6 and 7 of the Treaty’, which was an important opportunity to reflect on application of, and compliance with, core provisions of the ATT. It is crucial that the Treaty is responsive to current events, and we encourage more conversations on real-world case studies, in an inclusive and constructive manner, which is essential towards fulfilling the ATT’s object and purpose.

Lastly, Ireland fully supports and thanks Mexico for their initiative to establish gender focal point(s) in the ATT. This is a practical, feasible step towards improving the gender considerations in a cross-cutting manner across all aspects of the ATT. We look forward to further discussing this proposal and formally establishing the focal points by the end of this week.

Thank you